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Re: Extension to Division Order to Submit a Schedule for an Updated NOI -Bingham Canyon Mine M/035/002, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Ms. Dorward-King:

This letter is to grant an extension to the Division order for KUCC to submit a schedule within 30 days of receipt of the December 12, 1997 letter. The Division is in agreement with you that it would be wise to continue discussions of an updated Bingham Canyon Mine and reclamation plan. An extension is hereby granted, adding forty-five (45) days to the original 30 days. The new deadline to submit a schedule is March 2, 1998.

We will continue our discussions at our January 6, 1998 meeting concerning this issue. I look forward to that meeting in which we will also review the Division's decision on the bonding and reclamation of the second tailings pipeline and the Dry Fork water management project. Thank you for your cooperation on these matters.

Sincerely,

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